

REMARKS

Introduction

This Reply addresses issues raised in the Restriction Requirement dated April 27, 2010. Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. With the present Reply, claims 7-27 are withdrawn. The Markush groups of Claims 2 and 3 are amended to recite that the transgenic insect and transgenic insect cell are *Drosophila sp.* Claim 4 is cancelled. Claim 5 is amended to depend from claim 3.

Restriction of Claims 1-14

The Examiner alleges that restriction is required because the application contains groups of inventions that do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In reply, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-6 drawn to transgenic insect or a cell wherein the level of expression of dhr96 or a homologue thereof has been reduced through RNAi), without traverse. Claims 7-27 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the withdrawn claims through one or more divisional applications.

The Examiner requires an election of a single species from the Markush groups of claims 2 and 3. In reply, Applicants elect *Drosophila sp.* as the single species of insect and of dhr96 homologue source in present claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 are amended to reflect the election of *Drosophila sp.*

The pending claims are believed to be allowable. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited in the form of a Notice of Allowance. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record if the Examiner feels that the call will be beneficial to advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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